

Which was read the first, and by a special order the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Tuck, chairman of the committee on grievances and courts of justice, made a favorable report upon the bill from the senate, entitled an act for the relief of Alexander Nisbet and Mary, his wife;

Which was read.

The said bill was then read the second time, passed, and returned to the senate.

On motion of Mr. Tuck,

The house took up for consideration the bill reported by him, entitled a further additional supplement to an act passed December session 1833, establishing magistrates' courts in the several counties of this state, and prescribing their jurisdiction, so far as relates to Prince George's county.

On motion of Mr. Tuck,

Said bill was amended, by striking out all of said bill after the enacting clause, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"That the act passed at December session 1833, ch. 201, establishing magistrates' courts in this state, and prescribing their jurisdiction, be and the same is repealed, so far as relates to Prince George's county.

"Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That the justices of said courts shall, and they are hereby required, to deliver to the clerk of said county, the dockets of said courts, together with all papers and documents relating to the business of said courts; and it shall be the duty of the said clerk to transfer to the trial docket of the county court all undecided cases of fifty dollars and upwards, which shall be tried and determined in the county court; and witnesses may be summoned, and execution issued, in the same manner, as could have been done upon appeals from judgments of the said magistrates' courts.

"Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for any party to any undecided suit on said dockets, where the amount in controversy is less than fifty dollars, to cause the papers relating to said cause to be laid before any justice of the peace of said county, for trial; and witnesses may be summoned, judgment entered, and execution issued, as in other cases before a single magistrate.

"Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That in all decided cases on said dockets, it shall be the duty of the clerk of the county court, at the instance of any party, or his attorney, entitled to execution to sue out execution on said judgements: returnable as other executions from said courts.

"Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That this act shall not go into operation until the first day of August next.

"Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That the justices of the peace in said county shall have and exercise all the power and jurisdiction that were exercised by them before the passage of the act, which is hereby repealed."

The said bill was then read the second time as amended, and passed.